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11. (C) MFA Deputy Undersecretary Sinirlioglu told the Ambassador June 23 Turkey followed up with the Iranians on the updated P5 1 package EU that foreign policy chief Solana presented during his recent visit to Iran. FM Babacan met in Kampala June 20 on the margins of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) summit with Iranian FM Mottaki. Babacan strongly urged Iran to accept the proposal. Sinirlioglu said the Turks tried to "frighten" the Iranians, presumably drawing from Secretary Rice's strong remarks to Babacan earlier this month on the subject. Mottaki said Tehran would respond in four weeks.

12. (C) Separately, we have learned that MFA Undersecretary Apakan is in Tehran for consultations June 23-24 and expect he will take up this matter.

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